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SUBJ: THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC) REAPPEAR

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BETWEEN 80 TO 150 MEMBERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC) OCCUPIED THE TOWN OF ALGECIRAS IN EASTERN HUILA DURING SEVERAL EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 10. THE FARC GROUP REPORTEDLY LED BY RIGOBERTO LOSADA (ALIAS JOSELO) LOOTED THE TOWN, SET FREE SEVERAL PRISONERS HELD IN THE TOWN JAIL BEFORE LEAVING IN THREE BUSES TOWARDS THE AREA OF LA PERDIZ NEAR THE BORDER BETWEEN HUILA AND CAQUETA. THE FARC INJURED AT LEAST FIVE PERSONS IN ALGECIRAS, INCLUDING THREE CIVILIANS.

2. TROOPS FROM THE SIXTH AND NINTH BRIGADES OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES REPORTEDLY ENCOUNTERED THE FARC NEAR LA PERDIZ DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 10 AND HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN "HEAVY FIGHTING" WITH REPORTS OF CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. ACCORDING TO EL TIEMPO TWO FARC MEMBERS WERE KILLED.

3. AT LEAST TWO HELICOPTERS OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES WERE HIT BY MACHINEGUN FIRE AS THEY PURSUED THE FARC; ONE PILOT WAS INJURED, BUT BOTH HELICOPTERS LANDED SAFELY.

4. ISOLATION OF THE AREA IMPEDES COMMUNICATION, LEADING TO SOMEWHAT CONFUSED PRESS REPORTS. NEITHER DAO NOR OTHER EMBASSY
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